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Applicant : KOGA, T. et al.  
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Title : FITTING SUBSTRATE FOR CONNECTION AND FITTING  
SUBSTRATE FOR CONNECTION FOR USE IN DISK  
ARRAY CONTROL APPARATUS  
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Examiner : TBD  
Docket No. : 1309.43463X00  
Customer No.: 24956

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.